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REMARKS

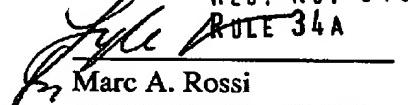
Only the allowed claims, claims 5-13, 15, 17-23, and 25-31, are now pending in this application. All of the claims that have been rejected, namely, claims 1-4, 14, 16, and 24, have been canceled to expedite prosecution.

Since only the allowed claims are pending, applicants urge the examiner to issue an early Notice of Allowance. Should the examiner have any issues concerning this reply or any other outstanding issues remaining in this application, applicants urge the examiner to contact the undersigned to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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